

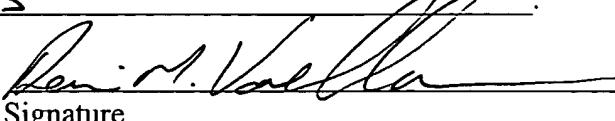


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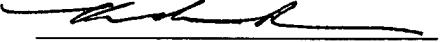
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Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- The amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
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Independent Claims	4	3	1	x \$84.00	84.00
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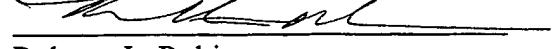
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